



Information Bulletin

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As this year draws to a close the BC Forest Service is only a few weeks away from its centenary year of 2012. The *BC Forest Service Centenary Society* has been hard at work for the last three years planning events and projects to mark this historical event.

Across the province, BC Forest Service staff, past members and their families will be holding events on February 27th, 2012 to mark the ‘birthday’ of the Forest Service when on that day, back in 1912, the Hon. William R. Ross read his historic speech introducing the [The Forest Bill](#) that led to the creation of this venerable institution.

Ross’s speech included this challenge:

“An epoch is condemned, a new epoch inaugurated, a turning point in the development of this great young Province reached. We raise ourselves today above our transitory interests of this week, this year; we glance down the vista of the years to come, and, turning from that vision of the future, we call the world to witness that we legislate today, not only for ourselves and for the needs of this day and this generation, but also, and no less, for our children's children, and for all posterity—that we may hand down to them their vast heritage of forest wealth, unexhausted and unimpaired.”

For 100 years the people and families of the BC Forest Service have strived to live up to that challenge. They have persevered through Royal Commissions, many changes of government, several internal reorganizations, changing economic times and evolving public values. Now it is time to celebrate the efforts of those thousands of men and women that have spent their careers dedicated to fulfilling the mandate that was so eloquently stated 100 years ago. Those people, along with their families, should be proud of the legacy they created and excited about the prospects for the next century.

Join us as we work towards capturing and honouring the rich history of the BC Forest Service through the many projects and events that will unfold in 2012.

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The British Columbia Forest Service was created in 1912 and will celebrate its centenary in 2012.

The BC Forest Service Centenary Society was created in 2008 to help coordinate centenary projects on behalf of the Ministry of Forests and Range.

The goals of the Society are to capture the rich history of the BC Forest Service and document it so that knowledge can be transferred to current and future employees, students and the public.

Projects include:

- historical book
- DVD
- interactive web site
- special events
- ceremonies
- oral histories
- theme papers.

For more information or to join the Society please visit our web site at:

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